Today's News - May 13, 2005

"Façadectomy" spurs the debate about the nature of architectural preservation in Chicago. -- Meanwhile, at construction sites, Chicagoans are treated to views they've never seen before. -- waterfront plans in Dún Laoghaire, Ireland, have a lot more going for them than protesters would have you believe. -- Not all are pleased with plans for housing development in Edinburgh. -- With its history of "malignant architecture," Philadelphia's Jefferson University trying to be a better neighbor. -- Mixed reactions to Pantheon-topped office tower in Sacramento. -- Herford, Germany, has high hopes for new museum's Bilbao effect. (And why not? It's designed by the architect who invented the effect.) -- Toronto waterfront development has the high punch, despite what the naysayers say. -- An impressive shortlist to pick from for Toronto's Regent Park revitalization. -- Rejuvenate a moribund area. By John Bentley Mays -- Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg (KPMB); Page + Steele; Solomon Cordwell Buenz (SCB); Hillier

As easy as 1, 1, 2, 3 ... First discovered 800 years ago, the Fibonacci sequence of numbers is inspiring artists and architects once again. -- Chinese tile catalogs nixed for copying originals from Italy. -- Seventh "Buildings at Risk Northern Ireland" catalogue launched. -- A tree grows on the web: Japan's Fujifilm company has posted an online museum of sorts at ForestsForever.com web site."could easily lead to planet-wide incidents of tree-hugging." -- Weekend diversion: Fujifilm's new (and mesmerizing) ForestsForever.com web site "could easily lead to planet-wide incidents of tree-hugging." -- Chinese tile catalogs nixed for copying originals from Italy. -- Seventh "Buildings at Risk Northern Ireland" catalogue launched.

Luxury flats plan for Edinburgh deaf school wins seal of approval: £80m housing development set for go-ahead despite widespread protests. -- William Henry Playfair (1852); Richard Murphy-- The Scotsman (UK)

A sprout of hope at Jefferson University: Given Jefferson's earlier ham-fisted proposals for the site and its inventory of malignant architecture, the new $60 million design is evidence of enlightenment. By Inga Saffron -- Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann; Andropogon (image)-- Philadelphia Inquirer

Harbour project will deliver jolt of vitality. The 52-storey, $350-million Maple Leaf Square condo has the right architectural punch and, together with a hotel and retail stores, will help rejuvenate a moribund area. By John Bentley Mays -- Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg (KPMB); Page + Steele; Globe and Mail (Canada)

Slicing and Dicing the Past to Get to the Future: Plans to slip a sparkling new condo tower behind vintage facades spurs debate on the nature of architectural preservation. By Lynn Becker -- Solomon Cordwell Buenz (images)-- Repeat (Chicago)

Another perspective: views around the worksites, views of skyscrapers that we, the pedestrians on the sidewalk, have never seen before. By Blair Kamin-- Chicago Tribune

Baths plan has merit but must wash its face financially. There's a lot more to plans for the site of Dún Laoghaire's derelict baths than simplistic slogans about privatising the seafront. By Frank McDonald-- The Irish Times

Gehry's New [MARTa] Museum in Germany's Herford Aims to Boost Economy: ...a goddess Athena's temple. -- Edwin M. Kado [link to images]-- Sacramento Bee

Vision for downtown Phoenix hotel taking shape: Architect's plans call for 31-story Sheraton with 'street vibrancy' -- Arquitectonica (image)-- Arizona Republic

Change on the horizon: Reaction mixed to proposal for new office tower. the Parthenon...29-story office tower. would be capped with a scale replica of the Greek goddess Athena's temple. -- Edwin M. Kado [link to images]-- Sacramento Bee

Berliner Story: If you stumbled upon a five-acre field of 2,711 concrete pillars and didn't know that it was intended to be a "memorial to the murdered Jews of Europe," would it really communicate to you "the scope of the Holocaust's horrors"? By Nancy Levinson -- Peter Eisenman-- ArtsJournal

National Trust Celebrates Completed Restoration of Lincoln Cottage Exterior: the most significant historic site directly linked with the Lincoln presidency other than the White House. -- Hillier-- National Trust for Historic Preservation

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Federal Court Orders Seizure of Chinese Tile Catalogs: not only copying, in the minutest detail, the tiles themselves, but even by scanning and utilizing the pictures and tile layouts found in Plaintiff's marketing brochures. -- Floor Daily

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